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**Inspection trip to Prospective Site for East Coast Monitoring Station
on Potomac River on Opposite bank from Quantico, Virginia.**

On 18 February 1948, Messrs. [REDACTED] representing FBI, [REDACTED] representing Services Branch, and two real estate/appraisal men, [REDACTED] made an inspection of a prospective site for an East Coast FBI Monitoring Station. 25X1 25X1 25X1

The subject site is on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, almost directly across the river from Quantico, Virginia. The site consists of 320 acres (one-half square mile) with approximately one mile of frontage on the Potomac River. An old colonial type mansion on the place could provide about 80 per cent of the monitoring station's space requirements. The land is desirable from a technical standpoint. Some clearing of timber and underbrush would have to be done to provide adequate space for necessary antennae.

The primary advantages are: (1) Adequate space for antenna; (2) Freedom from possible encroachment; and (3) Relatively low cost of land -- approximately \$45,000, fee simple. The disadvantage, which seems to outweigh the advantages, is that the site is too far from Washington for personnel to commute. The distance is about 40 miles and the time of travel is about 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours from the D. C. line.

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